

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

In complete response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 12, 2008, on the above identified application, reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 25-38 are pending in this application.

With this amendment, claims 36-38 are withdrawn.

Election/Restrictions

The Examiner requested a restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 between the following allegedly distinct inventions:

Group I: Claims 25-35, drawn to a method for operating a production plant, classified in class 700, subclass 266.

Group II: Claims 36-38, drawn to a production plant apparatus, classified in class 422, subclass 129.

In response to the requirement for restriction, the Applicants elect, without traverse, the invention of Group I, claims 25-35, drawn to a method for operating a production plant, classified in class 700, subclass 266, and withdraw claims 36-38.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is believed that the present application now stands in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner believe a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of the application, he is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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